

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 993

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach Keelon Lawson and the Hamilton High School boys' basketball team upon winning the 2006 TSSAA Class AAA State Basketball Championship.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable athletic team is the Hamilton High School boys' basketball team; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Keelon Lawson, the Hamilton High School boys' basketball team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2005-2006 basketball season, establishing a perfect record of thirty-nine wins with no losses and claiming the TSSAA Class AAA Boys' Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, after crushing Greeneville by the score of 64-46 in the first round of the state tournament, the Tigers defeated Whites Creek by the score of 77-65 to advance to the championship game; and

WHEREAS, in a thrilling 76-75 double-overtime victory against Shelbyville, the Hamilton High School boys' basketball team won the 2005-2006 TSSAA Class AAA Boys' Basketball State Championship and became the first boys' basketball team in Tennessee to finish their season undefeated in nine years; and

WHEREAS, as a testament to Head Coach Keelon Lawson's able leadership, the 2005-2006 Hamilton High School boys' basketball team has been ranked Number 7 by the *USA Today* End-of-Season Super 25 Boys Basketball Ranking and Number 8 by the *Student Sports* Fab 50 Ranking; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 2005-2006 State Champions Wildcat team are Devin McIntyre, Steven Wilburn, De’Nario Robertson, Mr. Basketball Finalist Jeremy Williams, Broderick Gilchrest, Domnic Yates, Freddie Jackson, Clifton Yates, Treven Dickerson, State Tournament MVP Joseph Watkins, Tim Wright, Myron Strong, Alton Hagler, Deveyon Hunter, and Donald Law. Head Coach Keelon Lawson was ably assisted throughout the year by Assistant Coaches Eric Brent, Dedra Lawson, and Michael Moses and Team Managers Steve Robinson and Alonzo Matthews; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character throughout the season, the members of the Hamilton High School boys’ basketball team have conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, athleticism, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a memorable championship season, but also surely point toward their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of its athletic teams that have succeeded both on the court and in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Coach Keelon Lawson and the players of the Hamilton High School boys’ basketball team upon achieving an extraordinary level of success during the 2005-2006 season, establishing a perfect record, and capturing the TSSAA Class AAA Boys’ Basketball State Championship and wish them every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.